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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixteenth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 28 April to 16 May 1997. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 28 April 1997 at 10.30 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the sixteenth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

3. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its sixteenth session.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of officers.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. Organization of work.

5. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

6. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.

7. Consideration of reports:

   (a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.

   (b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant.

8. General discussion: "The revision of the Committee's revised general guidelines regarding the form and content of the reports to be submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant".

9. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies.

10. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session

The sixteenth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairperson of the Committee.

2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 14 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, with due regard for equitable geographical representation.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of its officers when required under rule 14. In accordance with rule 6 the Committee, during a session, may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

4. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings. In this connection, the attention of the members of the Committee is drawn to the draft programme of work for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee and in accordance with established practice (E/C.12/1997/L.1);

5. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Committee decided at its fourteenth session (28 April-17 May 1996) that as from its fifteenth session its discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (NGO hearings, methods of work, etc.) would be conducted under this agenda item.

6. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under article 16 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received.

The Committee will have before it under this item the following documents:

(a) A note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the status of submission of reports (E/C.12/1997/2);

(b) A note by the Secretary-General on follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant (E/C.12/1997/3).

7. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined; such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions which may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

At its fifteenth session, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to schedule five reports from five States parties for consideration at its sixteenth session. The Committee also decided to conduct at its sixteenth session a review of the implementation of the provisions of the Covenant in the Central African Republic, which has not submitted any report since ratifying the Covenant in 1981, on the basis of any information that may be available to it.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedures, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the opening date and duration of the sixteenth session of the Committee as well as of the dates at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee.

As at 1 February 1997, the reports listed below had been received by the Secretary-General. The reports of the States parties which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixteenth session are identified by an asterisk. The tentative timetable for consideration of those reports, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, is contained in document E/C.12/1997/L.1.

Initial reports concerning articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*	E/1990/5/Add.26
Guyana*	E/1990/5/Add.27
Zimbabwe*	E/1990/5/Add.28
Peru*	E/1990/5/Add.29
Azerbaijan	E/1990/5/Add.30
Nigeria	E/1990/5/Add.31
Sri Lanka	E/1990/5/Add.32
Switzerland	E/1990/5/Add.33
Ireland	E/1990/5/Add.34

Second periodic reports concerning articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant

Dominican Republic*	E/1990/6/7 1/
Luxembourg	E/1990/6/Add.9
Uruguay	E/1990/6/Add.10
Netherlands	E/1990/6/Add.11, 12, 13
Tunisia	E/1990/6/Add.14
Iceland	E/1990/6/Add.15

Third periodic reports concerning articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant

Russian Federation*	E/1994/104/Add.8
Iraq	E/1994/104/Add.9
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	E/1994/104/Add.11
Cyprus	E/1994/104/Add.12
Poland	E/1994/104/Add.13
Germany	E/1994/104/Add.14
Denmark	E/1994/104/Add.15
Bulgaria	E/1994/104/Add.16

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure, the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of their respective organization in the course of the discussion by the Committee of the report of each State party to the Covenant. The representatives of the States parties presenting reports to the Committee shall be free to respond to, or take into

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1/ At the request of the Government of the Dominican Republic (note verbale DOI 666 dated 11 January 1996), consideration of the second periodic report of that State party was postponed to the Committee's fifteenth session (18 November-6 December 1996). For further information, please see document E/C.12/1997/3.

account, the statements made by the specialized agencies. The Secretary-General has invited the following specialized agencies, United Nations organs and financial institutions to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS), International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

8. General discussion: "The revision of the Committee's revised general guidelines regarding the form and content of the reports to be submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant"

At its fifteenth session, the Committee decided that Monday, 12 May 1997 would be a day of general discussion devoted to the revision of its revised general guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In this connection, at its fourteenth session the Committee requested its Rapporteur, Mrs. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan, in cooperation with Mrs. Maria Jiménez Butragueño, to undertake an initial review of the desirability of such a revision. They were asked to take particular account of the implications to be drawn from the programmes adopted by the Beijing, Copenhagen, Cairo and other relevant international conferences, as well as the consequences of the various general comments adopted by the Committee since 1990.

9. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

The Committee decided at its sixth session to nominate individual members to follow the work of each of the other treaty bodies. Such members are to follow as closely as possible the work of the relevant committees, to liaise where possible with members of these committees and to present an oral report on developments of both a procedural and substantive nature in their work which appeared to be of specific relevance to the work of the Committee (E/1992/23, paras. 371-373).

10. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and the reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

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STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND STATUS OF THE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN RESOLUTION 1988/4 AND RULE 58 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 entered into force on 3 January 1976, three months after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the thirty-fifth instrument of ratification, as provided for in article 27 of the Covenant.

2. As at 1 February 1997, the Covenant had been ratified or acceded to by 135 States. A list of States parties as well as information on the status of the submission of reports by States parties, is to be found in the annex to the present document.

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Annex I

STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT AND STATUS OF SUBMISSION OF REPORTS
(as of 1 February 1997)

State party	Date of entry into force	INITIAL REPORTS			SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS		
		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
1. Afghanistan	24 April 1983	E/1990/5/Add.8 (E/C.12/1991/SR.2, 4-6 and 8)			Overdue		
2. Albania	4 January 1992	Overdue					
3. Algeria	12 December 1989	E/1990/5/Add.22 (E/C.12/1995/SR.46, 47, 48)			Overdue		
4. Angola	10 April 1992	Overdue					
5. Argentina	8 November 1986	E/1990/5/Add.18 (E/C.12/1994/SR.31, 32, 35, 36, 37)		E/1988/5/Add.4 E/1988/5/Add.8 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.18-20)	Overdue		
6. Armenia	13 December 1993	Overdue					
7. Australia*	10 March 1976	E/1978/8/Add.15 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.12-13)	E/1980/6/Add.22 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.18)	E/1982/3/Add.9 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.13-14)	E/1984/7/Add.22 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.17, 18 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.7 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.10, 11, 13 and 14)	E/1990/7/Add.13 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.13, 15 and 20)
8. Austria	10 December 1978	E/1984/6/Add.17 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.3-4)	E/1980/6/Add.19 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.37 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.3)	E/1990/6/Add.5 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.39-41)	E/1986/4/Add.8 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.4 and 7)	E/1990/6/Add.5 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.39-41)
9. Azerbaijan	13 November 1992	E/1990/5/Add.30 (Pending consideration)					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
10. Barbados	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.33 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.3)	E/1980/6/Add.27 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.6-7)	E/1982/3/Add.24 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	Overdue		
11. Belarus**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.19 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1980/6/Add.18 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1982/3/Add.3 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1984/7/Add.8 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.13-15)	E/1986/4/Add.19 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.10-12)	E/1990/7/Add.5 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.2, 3 and 12)
12. Belgium	21 July 1983	E/1990/5/Add.15 (E/C.12/1994/SR.15-17)			Overdue		
13. Benin	12 June 1992	Overdue					
14. Bolivia	12 November 1982	Overdue					
15. Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 March 1993	Overdue					
16. Brazil	24 April 1992	Overdue					
17. Bulgaria**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.24 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1980/6/Add.29 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.23 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.11-13)	E/1984/7/Add.18 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.9 and 11)	E/1986/4/Add.20 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.17-19)	
18. Burundi	9 August 1990	Overdue					
19. Cambodia	26 August 1992	Overdue					
20. Cameroon	27 September 1984	Overdue	E/1986/3/Add.8 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.6-7)	Overdue			
21. Canada***	19 August 1976	E/1978/8/Add.32 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.1-2)	E/1980/6/Add.32 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.4 and 6)	E/1982/3/Add.34 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.13, 15 and 16)	E/1984/7/Add.28 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1990/6/Add.3 (E/C.12/1993/SR.6, 7 and 18)	
22. Cape Verde	6 November 1993	Overdue					
23. Central African Republic	8 August 1981	Overdue					
24. Chad	9 September 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
25. Chile*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.10 and 28 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1980/6/Add.4 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1982/3/Add.40 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.12-13 and 16)	E/1984/7/Add.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1986/4/Add.18 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.12-13 and 16)	Overdue
26. Colombia**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.17 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.15)	E/1986/3/Add.3 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.36 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.15, 21 and 22)	E/1984/7/Add.21 / Rev.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.22 and 25)	E/1986/4/Add.25 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.12-14 and 17)	E/1990/7/Add.4 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.17, 18 and 25)
27. Congo	5 January 1984	Overdue					
28. Costa Rica	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.3 (E/C.12/1990/SR.38, 40, 41 and 43)			Overdue		
29. Côte d'Ivoire	26 June 1992	Overdue					
30. Croatia	8 October 1991	Overdue					
31. Cyprus**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.21 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.17)	E/1980/6/Add.3 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.6)	E/1982/3/Add.19 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.7-8)	E/1984/7/Add.13 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.18 and 22)	E/1986/4/Add.2 and 26 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.2, 3 and 5)	
32. Czech Republic	1 January 1993	Overdue					
33. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	14 December 1981	E/1984/6/Add.7 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.21-22)	E/1986/3/Add.5 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.21-22)	E/1988/5/Add.6 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.6, 8 and 10)	Overdue		
34. Denmark**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.13 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1980/6/Add.15 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1982/3/Add.20 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1984/7/Add.11 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.17 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.16 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.8-9)	

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
35. Dominica	17 September 1993	Overdue					
36. Dominican Republic	4 April 1978	E/1990/5/Add.4 (E/C.12/1990/SR.43-45 and 47)			E/1990/6/Add.7 (E/C.12/1996/SR.29 and 30)		
37. Ecuador	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.1 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.4-5)	E/1986/3/Add.14 E/1988/5/Add.7 (E/C.12/1990/SR.37-39 and 42)		E/1984/7/Add.12 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.20 and 22)	Overdue	
38. Egypt	14 April 1982	Overdue					
39. El Salvador	29 February 1980	E/1990/5/Add.25 (E/C.12/1996/SR.15,16,18)			Overdue		
40. Equatorial Guinea	25 December 1987	Overdue					
41. Estonia	21 January 1992	Overdue					
42. Ethiopia	11 September 1993	Overdue					
43. Finland**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.14 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.6)	E/1980/6/Add.11 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1982/3/Add.28 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.7-8)	E/1984/7/Add.14 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1986/4/Add.4 (E/1986/WG.1 SR.8-9 and 11)	E/1990/7/Add.1 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.11, 12 and 16)
44. France	4 February 1981	E/1984/6/Add.11 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.18-19 and 21)	E/1986/3/Add.10 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.12-13)	E/1982/3/Add.30 and Corr.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.5 and 7)	Overdue		
45. Gabon	21 April 1983	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
46. Gambia	29 March 1979	Overdue					
47. Georgia	3 August 1994	Overdue					
48. Germany**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.8 and Corr.1 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.8) E/1978/8/Add.11 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1980/6/Add.6 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8) E/1980/6/Add.10 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1982/3/Add.15 and Corr.1 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.5-6) E/1982/3/Add.14 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1984/7/Add.3 and 23 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.12 and 16) E/1984/7/Add.24 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.22-23 and 25)	E/1986/4/Add.11 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.11, 12 and 14) E/1986/4/Add.10 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.19-20)	E/1990/7/Add.12 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.35, 36 and 46)
49. Greece	16 August 1985	Overdue					
50. Grenada	6 December 1991	Overdue					
51. Guatemala	19 August 1988	E/1990/5/Add.24 (E/C.12/1996/SR.11-14)			Overdue		
52. Guinea	24 April 1978	Overdue					
53. Guinea-Bissau	2 October 1992	Overdue					
54. Guyana	15 May 1977	E/1990/5/Add.27 (Pending consideration)		E/1982/3/Add.5, 29 and 32 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.20 and 22 and E/1985/WG.1/ SR.6)			
55. Honduras	17 May 1981	Overdue					
56. Hungary*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.7 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1980/6/Add.37 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6-7 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.10 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1984/7/Add.15 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.19 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6-7 and 9)	E/1990/7/Add.10 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.9, 12 and 21)

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
57. Iceland	22 November 1979	E/1990/5/Add.6, (E/C.12/1993/SR.29, 30, 31 and 46) E/1990/5/Add.14			E/1990/6/Add.15 (Pending consideration)		
58. India	10 July 1979	E/1984/6/Add.13 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.20 and 24)	E/1980/6/Add.34 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.6 and 8)	E/1988/5/Add.5 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.16-17 and 19)	Overdue		
59. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.9 (E/C.12/1993/SR.7-9 and 20)		E/1982/3/Add.43 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.42, 43 and 45)	Overdue		
60. Iraq**	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.3 and 8 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1980/6/Add.14 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1982/3/Add.26 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.3-4)		E/1986/4/Add.3 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1990/7/Add.15 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.11 and 14)
61. Ireland	8 March 1990	E/1990/5/Add.34 (Pending consideration)					
62. Israel	3 January 1992	Overdue					
63. Italy****	15 December 1978	E/1978/8/Add.34 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.3-4)	E/1980/6/Add.31 and 36 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.3 and 5)		E/1990/6/Add.2 (E/C.12/1992/SR.13, 14 and 21)		
64. Jamaica	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.27 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.20)	E/1986/3/Add.12 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	E/1988/5/Add.3 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	E/1984/7/Add.30 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	Overdue	

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
65. Japan	21 September 1979	E/1984/6/Add.6 and Corr.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1986/3/Add.4 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.20-21 and 23)	E/1982/3/Add.7 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.12-13)	Overdue		
66. Jordan	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.15 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.6-8)	E/1986/3/Add.6 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.38/ Rev.1 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.30-32)	Overdue		
67. Kenya	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.18					
68. Kuwait	31 August 1996	Due on 30 June 1998					
69. Kyrgyzstan	7 January 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					
70. Latvia	14 July 1992	Overdue					
71. Lebanon	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.16 (E/C.12/1993/SR.14, 16 and 21)			Overdue		
72. Lesotho	9 December 1992	Overdue					
73. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.26 (Pending consideration)		E/1982/3/Add.6 and 25 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.16-17)			
74. Lithuania	20 February 1992	Overdue					
75. Luxembourg	18 November 1983	E/1990/5/Add.1 (E/C.12/1990/SR.33-36)			E/1990/6/Add.9 (Pending consideration)		

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
76. Madagascar	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.29 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.2)	E/1980/6/Add.39 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.2-3 and 5)	Overdue	E/1984/7/Add.19 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.14 and 18)	Overdue	Overdue
77. Malawi	22 March 1994	Overdue					
78. Mali	3 January 1976	Overdue					
79. Malta	13 December 1990	Overdue					
80. Mauritius	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.21 (E/C.12/1995/SR.40, 41 and 43)			Overdue		
81. Mexico	23 June 1981	E/1984/6/Add.2 and 10 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.24, 26 and 28)	E/1986/3/Add.13 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.6, 7 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.8 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.4 (E/C.12/1993/SR.32-35 and 49)		
82. Moldova	26 March 1993	Overdue					
83. Mongolia*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.6 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1980/6/Add.7 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1982/3/Add.11 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.15-16)	E/1984/7/Add.6 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.16 and 18)	E/1986/4/Add.9 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.5 and 7)	Overdue
84. Morocco	3 August 1979	E/1990/5/Add.13 (E/C.12/1994/SR.8-10)			Overdue		
85. Namibia	28 February 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					
86. Nepal	14 August 1991	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
87. Netherlands	11 March 1979	E/1984/6/Add.14 and 20 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.5-6) (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1980/6/Add.33 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.4-6 and 8)	E/1982/3/Add.35 and 44 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.14 and 18) (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.11 E/1990/6/Add.12 (Pending consideration)	E/1986/4/Add.24 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.13 (Pending consideration)
88. New Zealand	28 March 1979	E/1990/5/Add.5, E/1990/5/Add.11 and E/1990/5/Add.12 (E/C.12/1993/SR.24, 25, 26 and 40)			Overdue		
89. Nicaragua	12 June 1980	E/1984/6/Add.9 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.16-17 and 19)	E/1986/3/Add.15 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.27, 28 and 46)	E/1982/3/Add.31 and Corr.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.15)	Overdue		
90. Niger	7 June 1986	Overdue					
91. Nigeria	29 October 1993	E/1990/5/Add.31 (Pending consideration)					
92. Norway**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.12 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1980/6/Add.5 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1982/3/Add.12 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1984/7/Add.16 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.19 and 22)	E/1986/4/Add.21 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/7/Add.7 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.4, 5 and 12)
93. Panama	8 June 1977	E/1984/6/Add.19 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	E/1980/6/Add.20 and 23 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1988/5/Add.9 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	Overdue	E/1986/4/Add.22 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	Overdue
94. Paraguay	10 September 1992	E/1990/5/Add.23 (E/C.12/1996/SR.1, 2 and 4)					
95. Peru	28 July 1978	E/1984/6/Add.5 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.11 and 18)	E/1990/5/Add.29 (Pending consideration)				

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
96. Philippines	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.4 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1986/3/Add.17 (E/C.12/1995/ SR.11, 12 and 14)	E/1988/5/Add.2 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.8-9 and 11)	E/1984/7/Add.4 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.15 and 20)	Overdue	
97. Poland**	18 June 1977	E/1978/8/Add.23 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.18-19)	E/1980/6/Add.12 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1982/3/Add.21 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1984/7/Add.26 and 27 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.25-27)	E/1986/4/Add.12 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.5-6)	E/1990/7/Add.9 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.6, 7 and 15)
98. Portugal	31 October 1978		E/1980/6/Add.35/ Rev.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.2 and 4)	E/1982/3/Add.27/ Rev.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.6 and 9)	E/1990/6/Add.6 (E/C.12/1995/SR.7, 8, 10) E/1990/6/Add.8 (Macao) (E/C.12/1996/SR.31-33)		
99. Republic of Korea	10 July 1990	E/1990/5/Add.19 (E/C.12/1995/SR.3, 4, 6)			Due on 30 June 1997		
100. Romania*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.20 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.16-17)	E/1980/6/Add.1 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1982/3/Add.13 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1984/7/Add.17 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.10 and 13)	E/1986/4/Add.17 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.6)	E/1990/7/Add.14 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.5, 7 and 13)
101. Russian Federation**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.16 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1980/6/Add.17 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	E/1982/3/Add.1 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1984/7/Add.7 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1986/4/Add.14 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.16-18)	E/1990/7/Add.8 (withdrawn)
102. Rwanda	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.4 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.10 and 12)	E/1986/3/Add.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.16 and 19)	E/1982/3/Add.42 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.10-12)	E/1984/7/Add.29 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.10-12)	Overdue	Overdue
103. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 February 1982	Overdue					
104. San Marino	18 January 1986	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
105. Senegal	13 May 1978	(Summary records of consideration of reports) E/1984/6/Add.22 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.37, 38 and 49)	E/1980/6/Add.13/ Rev.1 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1982/3/Add.17 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.14-16)	Overdue		
106. Seychelles	5 August 1982	Overdue					
107. Sierra Leone	23 November 1996	Due on 30 June 1998					
108. Slovakia	28 May 1993	Overdue					
109. Slovenia	6 July 1992	Overdue					
110. Solomon Islands	17 March 1982	Overdue					
111. Somalia	24 April 1990	Overdue					
112. Spain**	27 July 1977	E/1978/8/Add.26 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.20)	E/1980/6/Add.28 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1982/3/Add.22 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.10-11)	E/1984/7/Add.2 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.12 and 14)	E/1986/4/Add.6 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.10 and 13)	E/1990/7/Add.3 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.13, 14, 16 and 22)
113. Sri Lanka	11 September 1980	E/1990/5/Add.32 (Pending consideration)					
114. Sudan	18 June 1986	Overdue					
115. Suriname	28 March 1977	E/1990/5/Add.20 (E/C.12/1995/SR.13, 15, 16)					
116. Sweden**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.5 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.15)	E/1980/6/Add.8 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.9)	E/1982/3/Add.2 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.19-20)	Overdue		
117. Switzerland	18 September 1992	E/1990/5/Add.33 (Pending consideration)			E/1984/7/Add.5 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.14 and 16)	E/1986/4/Add.13 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.10-11)	E/1990/7/Add.2 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.11-13 and 18)

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
118. Syrian Arab Republic*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.25 and 31 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.2)	E/1980/6/Add.9 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.4)		E/1990/6/Add.1 (E/C.12/1991/SR.7, 9 and 11)		
119. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 September 1991	Overdue					
120. Togo	24 August 1984	Overdue					
121. Trinidad and Tobago	8 March 1979	E/1984/6/Add.21	E/1986/3/Add.11	E/1988/5/Add.1 (E/C.12/1989/SR.17-19)	Overdue		
122. Tunisia	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.3 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.5-6)	E/1986/3/Add.9 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.9)		E/1990/6/Add.14 (Pending consideration)		
123. Uganda	21 April 1987	Overdue					
124. Ukraine**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.22 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.18)	E/1980/6/Add.24 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.5-6)	E/1982/3/Add.4 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1984/7/Add.9 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.13-15)	E/1986/4/Add.5 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.9-11)	E/1990/7/Add.11 (withdrawn)
125. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**	20 August 1976	E/1978/8/Add.9 and 30 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.19 and E/1982/WG.1/ SR.1)	E/1980/6/Add.16 and Corr.1, Add.25 and Corr.1 and Add.26 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.16-17)	E/1982/3/Add.16 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.19-21)	E/1984/7/Add.20 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.14 and 17)	E/1986/4/Add.23 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.16-17) E/1986/4/Add.27 E/1986/4/28 E/C.12/1994/ SR.33, 34, 36, 37	E/1990/7/Add.16 E/C.12/1994/ SR.33, 34, 36 and 37

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
126. United Republic of Tanzania	11 September 1976	Overdue	E/1980/6/Add.2 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.5)	Overdue			
127. Uruguay	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.7(E/C.12/1994/SR.3, 4,6 and 13)			E/1990/6/Add.10 (Pending consideration)		
128. Uzbekistan	28 December 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					
129. Venezuela	10 August 1978	E/1984/6/Add.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.7-8 and 10)	E/1980/6/Add.38 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.2 and 5)	E/1982/3/Add.33 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.12, 17 and 18)	Overdue		
130. Viet Nam	24 December 1982	E/1990/5/Add.10 (E/C.12/1993/SR.9-11 and 19)			Overdue		
131. Yemen	9 May 1987	Overdue					
132. Yugoslavia	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.35 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.4-5)	E/1980/6/Add.30 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.3)	E/1982/3/Add.39 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.14-15)	E/1984/7/Add.10 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.16 and 18)	Overdue	Overdue
133. Zaire	1 February 1977	E/1984/6/Add.18 E/1986/3/Add.7 E/1982/3/Add.41 (E/C.12/1988/SR.16-19)			Overdue		
134. Zambia	10 July 1984	Overdue	E/1986/3/Add.2 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.4-5 and 7)	Overdue			
135. Zimbabwe	13 August 1991	E/1990/5/Add.28 (Pending consideration)					

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* Third periodic report, which was due on 30 June 1994, has not yet been received.

** Third periodic report of Sweden (E/1994/104/Add.1) was considered at the twelfth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.13/Add.1, 15/Add.1 and 16); third periodic report of Colombia (E/1994/104/Add.2) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.32, 33 and 35); third periodic report of Norway (E/1994/104/Add.3) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.34, 36, 37); third periodic report of Ukraine (E/1994/104/Add.4) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.42, 44 and 45); third periodic report of Spain (E/1994/104/Add.5) was considered at the fourteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.3, 5-7); third periodic report of Belarus (E/1994/104/Add.6) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.34-36); third periodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.37, 38 and 40); third periodic report of the Russian Federation was received on 31 July 1995 (E/1994/104/Add.8); third periodic report of Iraq was received on 15 December 1995 (E/1994/104/Add.9); third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.39, 41, 42 and 44); third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was received on 22 Febuary 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.11); third periodic report of Cyprus was received on 30 April 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.12); third periodic report of Poland was received on 7 June 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.13); third periodic report of Germany was received on 3 July 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.14); third periodic report of Denmark was received on 12 August 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.15); third periodic report of Bulgaria was received on 19 September 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.16).

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SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE COVENANT

Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the Secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee.

2. The information requested by the Committee is to be found in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
(status as at 1 February 1997)

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Dominican Republic	E/1990/6/Add.7 E/C.12/1996/SR.29 and 30 E/C.12/1/Add.6	The Committee invites the State party to confirm publiciy its commitment to implement its binding human rights treaty obligations. It strongly calls upon the Government of the State party to honour its obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Culutral Rights, particularly through maintaining the proper direct and constructive dialogue with the committee called for in the Covenant. The Committee proposes to adopt finally its concluding observations in relation to the State party at its sixteenth session. For that reason the Committee decides that these concluding observations will be considered "preliminary", pending further consideration of the report based on a dialogue with representatives of the State party at its sixteenth session (concluding observations, para. 26).	28 April-16 May 1997	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee further recommends that the State party provide it with written replies to its concluding observations adopted at its eleventh session (E/C.12/1994/15), in particular with regard to its request that the State party invite representatives of the Committee to visit the Dominican Republic; the written list of issues drawn up with respect to the third periodic report (E/C.12/1995/LQ.7); information contained in the document "The Dominican Republic: An independent report submitted to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by the International Women's Rights Action Watch" (concluding observations, para. 28).	28 April-16 May 1997	
		The Committee requests the State party to submit the information referred to in the preceding paragraph by 15 February 1997 in order to allow the Committee to consider that information at its sixteenth session, to be held from 28 April to 16 May 1997 (concluding observations, para. 29).	28 April-16 May 1997	
		The Committee strongly recommends that the specific information requested above be presented to the Committee at its sixteenth session by an expert delegation (concluding observations, para. 30).	28 April-16 May 1997	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Guinea	Without report E/C.12/1996/SR.17, 22 E/C.12/1/Add.5	The Committee reiterates its request that the Government of Guinea actively participate in a constructive dialogue with the Committee on how the obligations arising from the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights can be fulfilled in a more adequate manner. It calls to the Government's attention the fact that the Covenant creates a legal obligation for all States parties to submit periodic reports and that Guinea has been in breach of this obligation for many years (concluding observations, para. 25). The Committee recommends that the Government of Guinea avails itself of the advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations in order to enable it to submit as soon as possible a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Covenant in conformity with the revised general guidelines adopted by the Committee in 1990 (E/C.12/1991/1) and with particular emphasis on the issues raised and concerns expressed in the concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 26).		

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee also encourages the Centre for Human Rights to make available, through its programme of advisory services and technical assistance, expert assistance to States for the purpose of formulating policies on economic, social and cultural rights, and developing the implementation of coherent and comprehensive plans of action for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as developing adequate means of evaluating and monitoring their realization (concluding observations, para. 27).		
El Salvador	E/1990/5/Add.25 E/C.12/1996/SR.15, 16, 18 E/C.12/1/Add.4	Further information is requested on articles 6 to 8 and 15 of the Covenant, as well as on any problems encountered in this regard (concluding observations, para. 36).	31 Oct. 1996	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		Information is requested on the activities of the Office of the Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights, in particular on how much weight its recommendations carry and on the action taken on complaints it files with regard to violations of economic, social and cultural rights; information enabling the Committee to evaluate the extent to which the members of indigenous communities enjoy all the economic, social and cultural rights provided for in the Covenant (concluding observations, paras. 28 and 35). The proposal of the Centre for Human Rights concerning technical cooperation should be given favourable consideration and such assistance used to guarantee the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by all (concluding observations, para. 39).	Next report	
Paraguay	E/1990/5/Add.23 E/C.12/1996/ SR.1, 2, 4 E/C.12/1/Add.1	The Committee requests the State party to provide it with written replies to the unanswered questions from the list of issues (concluding observations, para. 32).	31 Oct. 1996	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The next report should fill in the information gaps identified during the consideration of the initial report by the Committee (i.e. detailed information on the full implementation of legislative and administrative measures relating to prevention and enforcement in respect of safe and healthy working conditions; cases in which the Covenant has been invoked in the courts) (concluding observations, para. 32).	30 June 1999	
Portugal (Macao)	E/1990/6/Add.8 E/C.12/1996/SR.31-33 E/C.12/1/Add.9	The Committee takes note of the readiness of the State party to provide it with additional information in reply to the concerns expressed by it in the course of the discussion and recommends that in its replies the State party pay particular attention to the issue of family reunification and to the legislative provisions safeguarding the principles of the International Labour Organization Conventions No. 103 (Maternity Protection Convention) and No. 138 (Minimum Age Convention) and their practical applications (concluding observations, para. 16).	1 May 1997	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee recommends, in view of the lack of sufficient information provided by the State party with respect to article 10 of the Covenant, that detailed information be provided on measures taken to implement the provisions of article 10. In that connection, the attention of the State party is drawn to the relevant parts of the Committee's revised guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by State parties (concluding observations, para. 18). The Committee strongly urges the Portuguese Administration to take all necessary measures to ensure that the reports under the Covenant are submitted after 1999 (concluding observations, para. 24).	1 May 1997	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong	E/1994/104/Add.10 E/C.12/1996/SR.39, 41, 42 and 44 E/C.12/1/Add.10	The Committee requests that, within 45 days, it receive a comprehensive response to its inquiry regarding three Vietnamese refugees who were denied medical and dental treatment, mainly for refusing to return voluntarily to Viet Nam (concluding observations, para. 42).	27 Jan. 1997	Response received on 23 Jan. 1997